



# WINGTIPS

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## ST. PAUL FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

- by Capt. Shannon Bauer

More than 100 Minnesota Wing Civil Air Patrol members volunteered their time on short notice to fill thousands of sandbags at the downtown St. Paul Airport April 11-14.



Requested to assist in flood relief efforts by the Minnesota Army National Guard, the CAP members spent long days shoveling and bagging sand to protect the Army's Aviation Support Facility and other government assets located on the airport. By the end of the four days, the airport was completely under water but the buildings had been encased in sandbags.

"It was a dusk 'till dawn operation," said Maj. Joe Volding, mission commander. "I'm grateful for the turnout we got, especially considering the short notice and that it was during the work week."

Minnesota squadrons participating in the relief efforts included Anoka, Fort Snelling, Hutchinson, North Hennepin, St. Croix, St. Paul, Valley and Viking. The volunteers ranged in age 14 to 80.

According to Staff Sgt. Paul Geach with the 2-147th Aviation Brigade, one of the Guard members working with CAP, the Minnesota Wing volunteers provided a lot of leadership throughout the four days. He said, "They've taken on a good load of directing things around here, and they've helped provide leadership to all the civilian volunteers."

2nd Lt. Carol Sands, Valley Squadron, was one of several members who volunteered all four days. "Our cadets have been a great example," she said. "They've worked hard, and I haven't heard one complaint."

The efforts of Minnesota Wing resulted in the visit of St. Paul Mayor Norm Coleman to the site, as well as the area's major media. Coleman expressed his gratitude to Civil Air Patrol and other civilian volunteers at a press conference that Saturday.



## WE LOST A FRIEND . . .

- by Maj. Robert Johnson

Chaplain (Maj.) Reg Torrison died on March 10th, at his home in LeRoy. Reg was born in 1934 in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. He graduated from Valders High School and Luther College. He taught music for many years in LeRoy, then attended and graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He served as a pastor at several Lutheran Churches until he retired in 1997, at which time he and his wife moved back to LeRoy.

Reg loved music, flying, woodworking and most of all, people. His love of his fellow man was very evident in his many activities in Civil Air Patrol. I first met Reg at a Wing Encampment. I'll never forget how much he cared about the cadets and senior members that were at that encampment. He was there for all of us . . . He unselfishly spent many hours counseling cadets and even senior members.

He always had a kind word and usually a corny joke to lighten even the most serious moment. At that encampment the cadet commander jokingly commented to him *"You're a man of God, can't you do something to stop this rain?"*. I'll never forget Reg's answer: *"I'm in sales, not management"*.

Chaplain Torrison was the chaplain for the Rochester Squadron (now SE Minnesota Squadron) before being named the Wing Chaplain. He was an inspiration to the Wing Staff, often providing us with a moment of levity when we needed it most. He even had us singing Christmas carols at a December meeting.

Chaplains Thomas Boyer, Douglas Westerlund and Frezil Westerlund represented CAP at Chaplain Torrison's funeral. The family expressed gratitude for the cards, calls, visits and prayers from his CAP family.

As Reg prepared for the end of his earthly life he shared thoughts with his family on what he would like his funeral to be like: *"I'll keep on singing; Wonderful; Have a ball with my faith; Cut the pieces of cake big enough that I can't taste the knife; Dig your toes into the floor; I will sing to the Lord; it's all in the attitude; Jesus loves me"*.

It won't be the same without Reg. We will miss him.

## COMMANDER'S CORNER

- Col. Dale Hoiium



The Wing Patch for Minnesota was first approved by National Headquarters 04 April 1950. The MN Wing patch's history began shortly after CAP became an auxiliary of the US Army Air Force in 1943, when the Wing requested an emblem design from cartoonist Walt Disney.

Around that time, Disney had produced a short animated movie to promote the war effort about a gremlin character that flies around on a little airplane raising trouble with the enemy. Custom artwork by Disney based on the gremlin character from that movie was given to MN Wing.

Through the years the little gremlin has been distorted by different manufacturers and now is referred to as a "Viking" or Samurai Cow" The CAC has sent me a recommendation to bring the patch back to the original Disney design. We have also been using a truer rendition on some of our certificates.

The new patch would have the blue field with the State of Minnesota centered in yellow. The gremlin would be riding a pair of upswept wings with the blue disk and white triangle, with a red three-bladed propeller. To be correct by heraldic standards "Minnesota" would be placed on a rocker at the base of the patch.

The new patch design, even though it is a return to the past, would need the Region Commander's approval. The Bookstore could then order the new design when the next run of patches are needed. Our history and heritage can be an inspiration, having a rejuvenating effect on us as we have entered the new millennium, facing the future but remembering the past.

**Congratulations**

1LT. David Ihme was named Historian of the Year by National HQ for the year 2000. Lt. Ihme is the Wing Historian for Minnesota Wing. This is the third year in a row that a Minnesota Wing Historian has been selected as National Historian of the year.

**CLC Scheduled-** A Corporate Learning Course will be held 30 June-1 July 2001 at the Grand Rapids Squadron Headquarters located at the Grand Rapids Airport commencing at 0800 hours. Senior Members planning to attend should submit CAP Form 17 Application for Senior Members Activities " in triplicate along with a check for \$10.00 to cover administration and coffee breaks made out to Minnesota Wing, Forward the necessary application to: Maj. Susan Freseman, 4521 Gladstone Duluth, MN 55804 (218 ) 525-7959

**Mankato Squadron-** Former Minnesota Wing cadet member of the Mankato Squadron, Matt Swanson will graduate from the USAF Academy and will be receiving his 2nd Lieutenant bars on May 30th. Matt will also be receiving a Bachelor of Science in History as well as his commission. He's the son of Capt. Kevin Swanson, former commander of the Mankato Squadron.

**St. Paul Squadron –** St. Paul will be hosting guest speaker Tom Irlbeck on Thursday, August 9th at the Army Aviation Support Facility at Saint Paul Downtown Airport. The event goes from 1900 until 2100. The uniform is short sleeve blues. Tom flew F-4 Phantoms in Vietnam and taught Randy Cunningham, America's Naval Ace in the Vietnam War, to fly. He was also an instructor at the Navy Fighter Weapons School also known as Top Gun. After the war, he flew for Northwest Airlines. Check out their Squadron web site at <http://www.mnwg.cap.gov/stpaul> for directions. For more information, 1st Lt. David Nightengale at (651) 455-5732 or [dnightengale@email.msn.com](mailto:dnightengale@email.msn.com).

### **SLS @ GRAND FORKS AFB**

The 2001 Summer Encampment will be hosting a concurrent Squadron Leadership School, which will also be co-located with the encampment. Of course this means the SLS will be held at Grand Forks and primarily during the day on weekdays. Some northern units such as Northwest MN and Northland are only an hour or two away so it could be feasible. If you are interested in attending the SLS please contact Maj. Todd Mandell at [tallenm@yahoo.com](mailto:tallenm@yahoo.com) or at 715-792-2625.

**SLS** -Twelve Minnesota Wing members graduated from Squadron Leadership School last month. The Viking Squadron-sponsored class was held May 18-19 at the North Hennepin Squadron headquarters. The graduates included 2nd Lt. Tracy Brooks, St. Croix; 2nd Lt. Rich Dalquist, Viking; Capt. Duane Delegard, Viking; SM Scott Frankard, Viking; 1st Lt. Bill Hewitt, Owatonna; 1st Lt. Bill Reiners, St. Croix; 1st Lt. Leslie Rosted, Southeast MN; 2nd Lt. Dave Rutt, Viking; Capt. Jay Sliwinski, Ft. Snelling; Capt. Joleen Stadslev, Viking; 1st Lt. Tim Stoner, Ft. Snelling; and 1st Lt. Randy Terpstra, North Hennepin. Maj. Tom Vashro and Capt. Shannon Bauer served as co-directors. Lt. Col. Barney Uhlig, Maj. Stan Kegel and 2nd Lt. Al Pabon served as additional instructors.

### **Staff positions Third Cadet Training Group:**

Commander, 3CTG: C/Maj Emily Hellmuth,  
Deputy Commander: C/1st Lt Caralyn Flack  
Executive Officer: C/Lt Col Seth Grenke  
Command Chief Master Sergeant: C/CMSgt David Burgio

### **Fifth Cadet Training Squadron (CTS5)**

Commander: C/Capt Jack Houck  
First Sergeant: C/MSgt Jimmy Scott  
A Flt CC: C/2d Lt Kathryn Kenning  
A Flt Sgt: C/MSgt Kevin Kroll  
B Flt CC: C/2d Lt Andrew Atkins  
B Flt Sgt: C/SSgt Andrew Isker  
C Flt CC: C/2d Lt Crissy Dalbec  
C Flt Sgt: C/TSgt Martin Rittenberry

### **Sixth Cadet Training Squadron (CTS6)**

Commander: C/2d Lt Lori Sobolewski  
First Sergeant: C/MSgt Jessie Decker  
D Flt CC: C/1st Lt Aaron Scicluna  
D Flt Sgt: C/MSgt Kathy Nibbe  
E Flt CC: C/2d Lt Jacob Heffron  
E Flt Sgt: C/SMSgt Gabriel Eckers  
F Flt CC: C/CMSgt Sarah Westphall\*  
F Flt Sgt: C/SrA Michael Jacobsen

\* will be 2d Lt

### **3CTG Headquarters Staff**

Leadership Officer: C/1st Lt Josh Gulbranson  
Stan/Eval Officer: C/Capt Eric Bredemus  
Stan/Eval Assistant: C/Capt Keelan Diehl  
Logistics Officer: C/Capt Kevin DeVeau  
Public Affairs Officer: C/2d Lt Tim Merhar  
Administration Officer: C/Maj Andrew Dew  
Duty NCO: C/TSgt Andrea Sudjapun

## MINNESOTA WING CALENDAR

**JUNE**

1-8/31	ALL	CAP/COAST GUARD AUX. JNT. TRNG (UNTIL 31 AUG)
2	SAT	FLIGHT CLINIC, WING HQ
4	MON	FLIGHT CLINIC, WILLMAR AIRPORT
5	TUE	EVACUATION DRILL, OSSEO JR. HS
5	TUE	FLIGHT CLINIC, HUTCHINSON AIRPORT
7	THU	FLIGHT CLINIC, MANKATO AIRPORT
8-10	FRI-SUN	WING GROUND TEAM SAR, GROUP 3 AREA
11	MON	FLIGHT CLINIC, DULUTH AIRPORT
12	TUE	FLIGHT CLINIC, GRAND RAPIDS AIRPORT
13	WED	FLIGHT CLINIC, WALKER AIRPORT
14	THU	FLAG DAY <i>FLY YOUR US FLAG!</i>
14	THU	FLIGHT CLINIC, THIEF RIVER FALLS AIRPORT
15	FRI	FLIGHT CLINIC, BRAINERD AIRPORT
16	SAT	FLIGHT CLINIC, ST. CLOUD AIRPORT
16-19	SAT	CADET LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, FT. RIPLEY
17	SUN	FATHERS DAY
19	TUE	FLIGHT CLINIC, CRYSTAL AIRPORT
21	THU	FLIGHT CLINIC, LAKE ELMO AIRPORT
23-24	SAT-SUN	ADVANCED OBSERVER TRAINING CLASS
28	THU	FLIGHT CLINIC, RED WING AIRPORT
30	SAT	CLC, GRAND RAPIDS

**JULY**

1	SUN	NCR SLS, CAMP RAPID, RAPID CITY SD
4	TUE	INDEPENDENCE DAY
13-15	FRI-SUN	WING SAR/DR, GROUP 1 AREA
28-5	FRI-SAT	MN WG CADET ENCAMPMENT, GFAFB, ND

**AUGUST**

10-12	FRI-SUN	WING SAR/DR, BEMIDJI AIRPORT
16-18	THU-SAT	NATL. BOARD & CONFERENCE, CINCINNATI, OHIO
24-25	FRI-SAT	USAF COUNTERDRUG EVAL, DULUTH AIRPORT
24-3	FRI-MON	MN STATE FAIR, CAP RECRUITING

**Promotions**

1st Lt. Mark Banwart, Viking Sqdn  
TFO Micheal Pitoscia, Duluth Sqdn  
2nd Lt. Kim Johnson, St. Croix Sqdn

**AIMING HIGHER TO . . .**

- by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Donald Mikitta

The fourth point of the Minnesota Wing Cadet Program strategic plan is to Instruct.

Instruction is the final, but most important function in equipping cadets. By instruction we influence the leadership force of the future. Three things that will help us in this endeavor:

**1. Teach what you know so well that there is no question that the knowledge will make a difference.**

James 3:1-2 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

**2. Keep teaching the same standards.**

Isaiah 28:10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept: line upon line, line upon line: here a little, and there a little.

**3. Live what you teach**

Hebrews 13: Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

The only way to ensure proper training is to apply proper methods and this is how we are...

*Aiming Higher to equip the Next Generation*

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